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Indian Standard

SPECIFICATION FOR FORCEPS, GOUGE, ORTHOPAEDIC FERGUSSON'S PATTERN

1. Scope — Dimensions and other requirements for gouge forceps Fergusson's pattern used in orthopaedic surgery.

2. Material

2.1 Arms - Stainless steel having the following composition:

	Percent		
Carbon	0·35 to 0·45		
Silicon	I-0 Max		
Manganese	I∙0 Max		
Chromium	12·5 to 14·5		
Nickel	I∙0 Max		
Sulphur	0·03 Max		
Phosphorus	0.03 Max		

- 2.2 Springs Stainless steel conforming to Designation 30 Cr13 of Schedule V of IS: 1570-1961 'Schedules for wrought steels for general engineering purposes'.
- 2.3 Screws Stainless steel conforming to Designation 22Cr13 of Schedule V of IS: 1570-1961.
- 3. Shape and Dimensions As shown in Fig. 1.

4. Workmanship

- 4.1 The forceps shall be free from rough edges, pits, burrs, cracks and blemishes of any kind.
- 4.2 The cutting edges shall be sharp and uniform.
- 4.3 When the jaws are closed, the cutting edges shall meet evenly.
- 4.4 The joints shall have no undue play.
- 4.5 The spring action shall be smooth. It shall be neither too hard nor too slack.
- 5. Heat Treatment The arms shall be hardened and tempered to 520 to $600 \, HV$, the springs to $380 \, to$ $420 \, HV$ and the screws to $290 \, to$ $320 \, HV$.
- 6. Finish The forceps shall be finished smooth, passivated and polished bright.

7. Tests

- 7.1 Performance Test Cut a piece of rib of a fully grown goat or sheep five times with the instrument. Each time the instrument shall cut the rib neatly and evenly in one bite without any undue resistance, and cutting edges shall not show any sign of damage.
- 7.2 Load Closure Test Apply a compressive force of 15 ± 2 N (1.5 ± 0.2 kgf approximately) at the ends of the handles. The cutting edges shall meet evenly.
- 7.3 Corrosion Resistance Test Scrub the instrument with soap and warm water, rinse in hot water and then dip in 95 percent ethyl alcohol. Dry the instrument, immerse in copper sulphate solution at room temperature for 6 minutes and wash with fresh water or wet cotton wool. The copper sulphate solution shall be made up as follows:

Copper sulphate (CuSO₄.5H₂O)

Sulphuric acid (H₂SO₄) (sp gr 1 84)

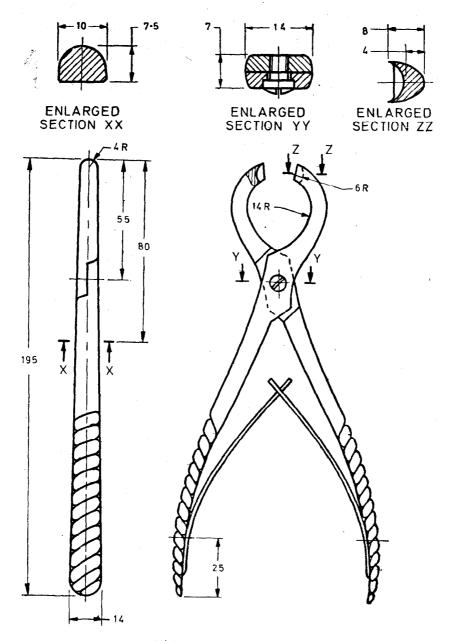
Distilled water (see IS: 1070-1960 Specification 90.0 mi for water, distilled quality)

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There shall be no red stains or spots on the instrument, but dulling of the polished surface may be permitted.



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 FORCEPS, GOUGE, FERGUSSON'S PATTERN

- 8. Marking The forceps shall be marked with the following:
 - a) Manufacturer's name, initials or recognized trade-mark; and
 - b) Country of origin.
- 8.1 ISI Certification Marking Details available from the Indian Standards Institution,
- 9. Packing As agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier.